

Town of Moultonborough



Playing Fields Briefing
Annual Town Meeting Article #16

The Approach

- Analyze the Uses & Needs
- Analyze the Options
- Present a Bottom Line

But first...

Some Vocabulary...

- 1.) Turf Management
- 2.) Playing Field

Turf Management

We all need rest yet...

Playground Drive is Scheduled Year Round

— High Impact

- Summer: June 26th – August 20th
- Fall: September 1st – November 1st

— Medium Impact

- Spring: May 3rd – June 21st

— Low Impact

- Winter



SAU's Thoughts on Turf Management

“The heavier the field usage the more difficult they are to maintain. The biggest turf management issue we have is finding time for the athletic fields to be mowed during the fall and spring. They are used during the day by physical education classes and are scheduled non-stop after school for practices and games. If we have rainy weather, it makes it that much more difficult to find times when the fields can be mowed.”

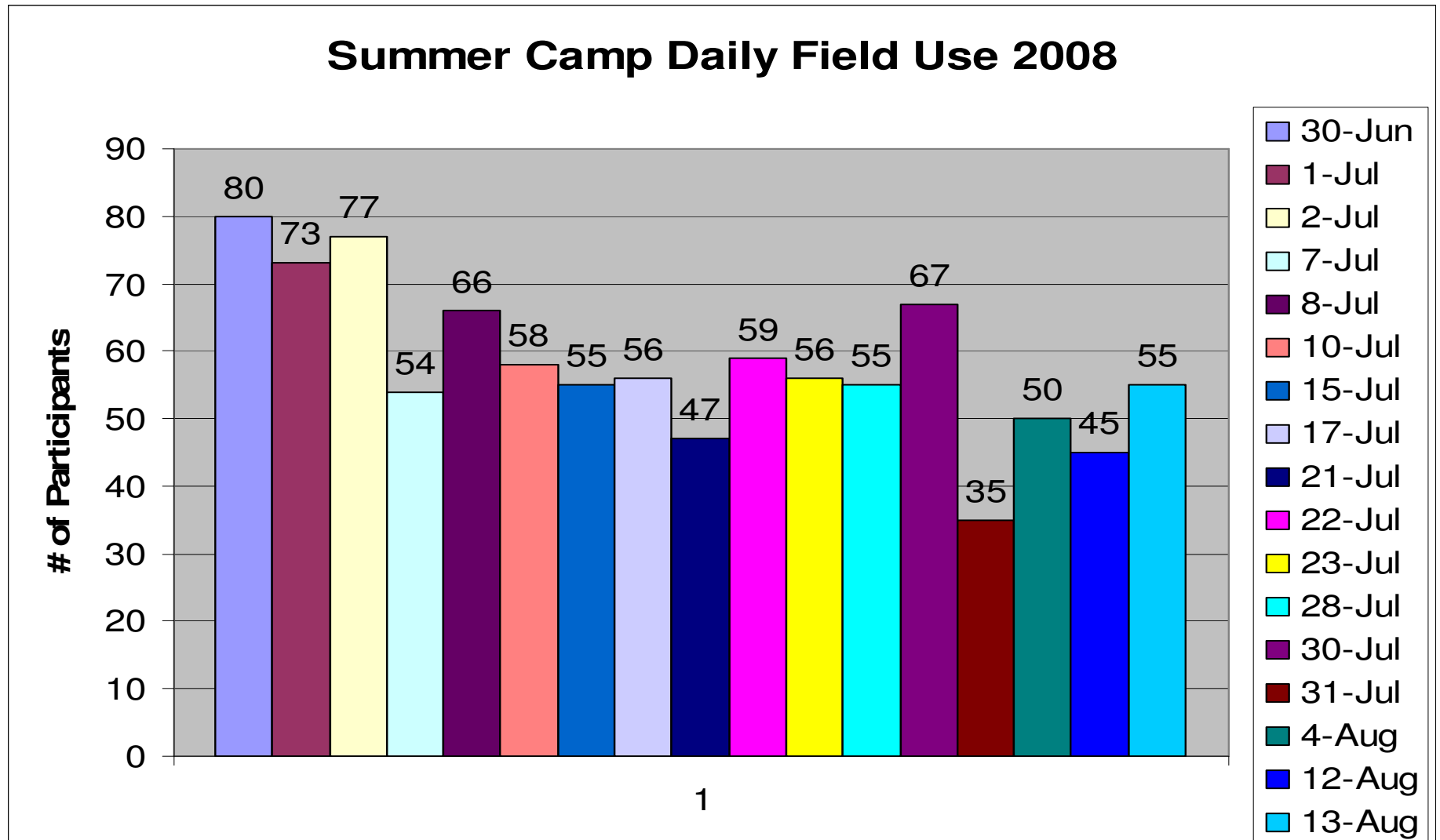
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Playing Field: More Than a Soccer Field

(Organized Uses)

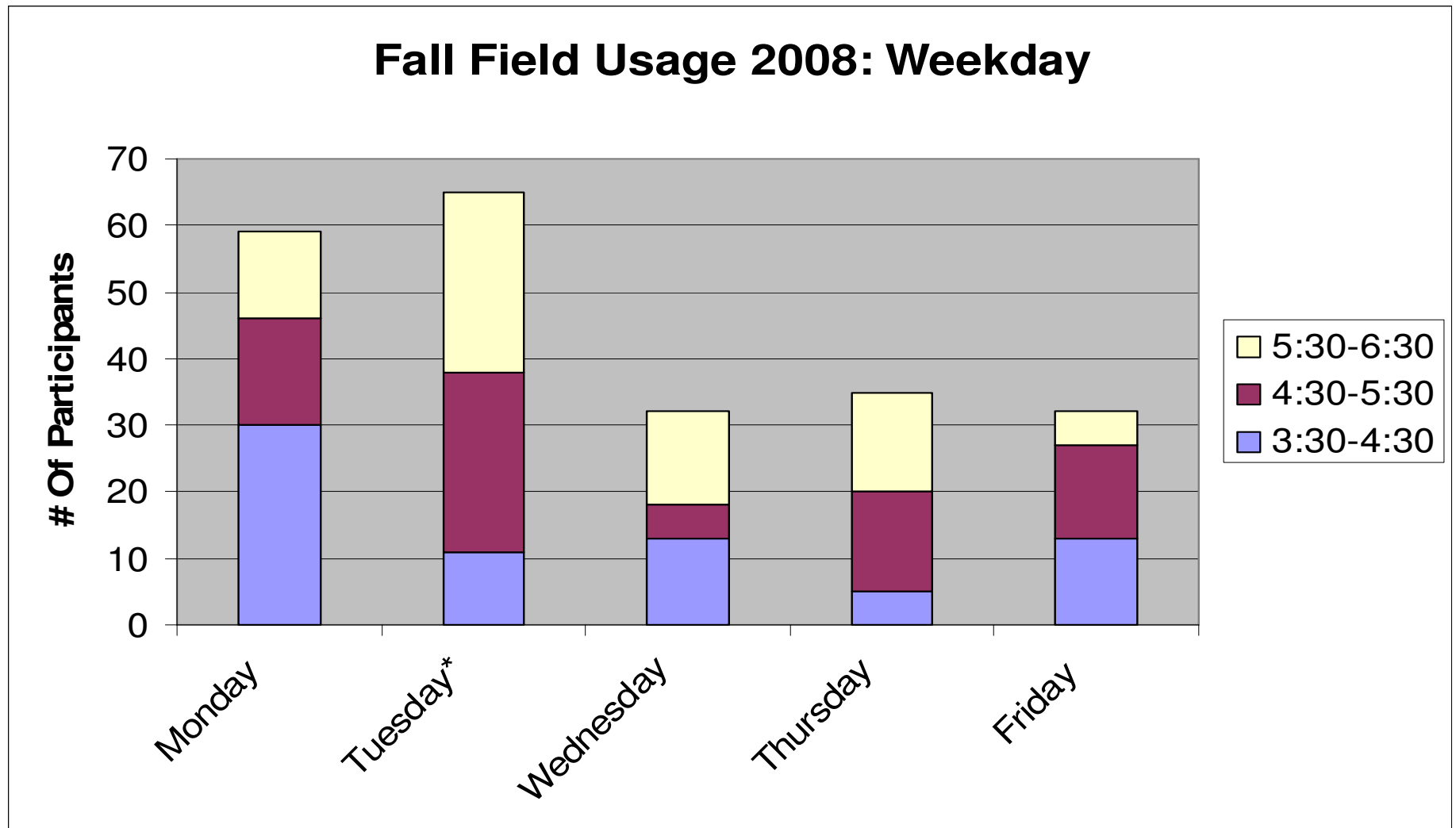
- Summer Playground Camp
- Flag Football
- Adult Touch Football
- Dodgeball
- Water Games
- Foam Day
- Capture the Flag
- Slip & Slide
- World Cup Soccer
- Adult Softball Practice
- Staff Training
- Talent Show
- Team Building Games
- Bocce Ball Court
- Soccer
- Tag
- Kick Ball
- Pillow Polo
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Parade Grounds
- Youth Spring Sport Practice

By the Numbers & By the Events



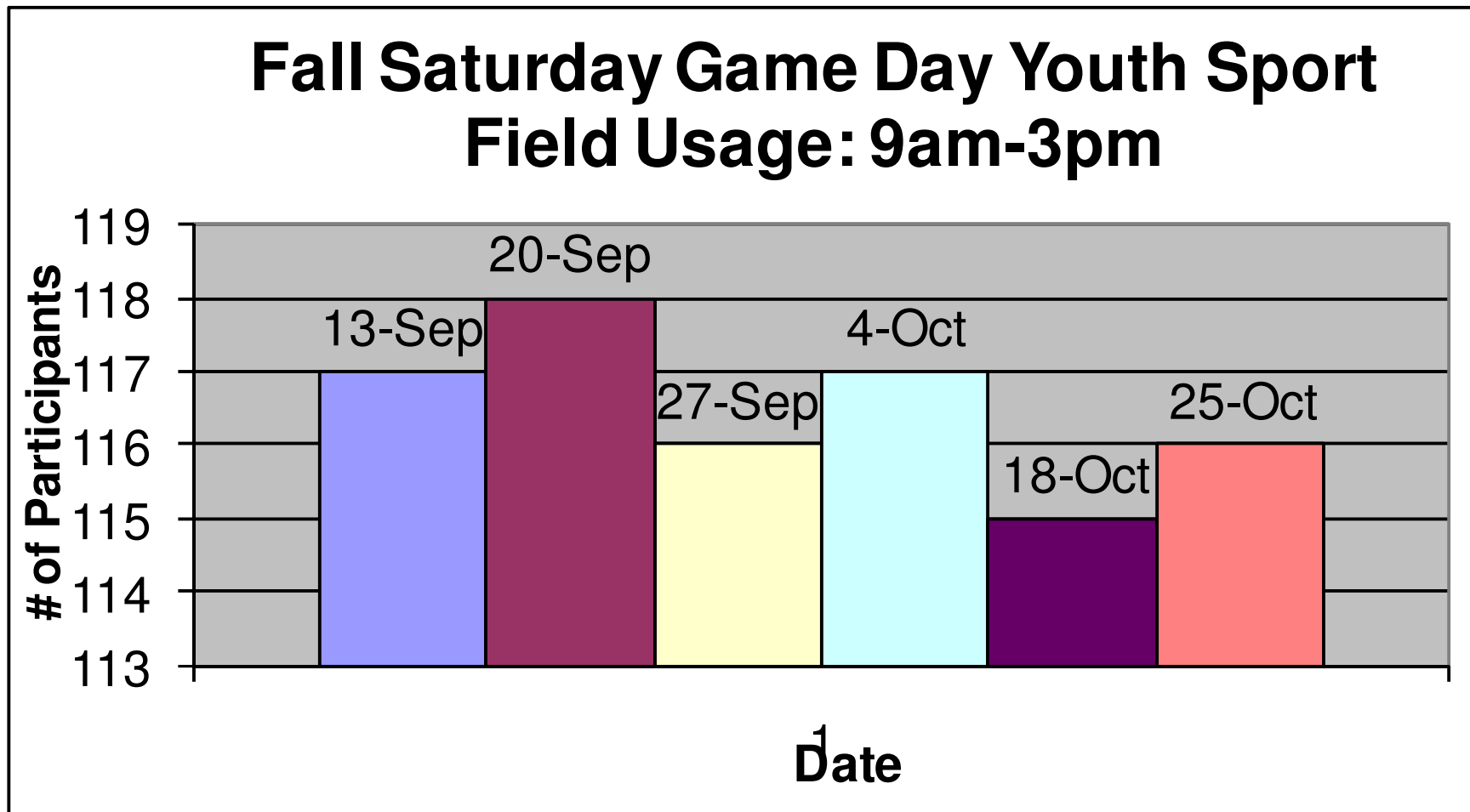
* These numbers only indicate scheduled usage from
9am-12pm Monday - Thursday

Current Usage: Fall Weekday



* Tuesday is a Youth Sport Game Day

Current Usage: Fall Game Day



Saturday Game Day



Saturday Game Day



Translation Please...

Current arrangement is a shuffled patchwork frustrating coaches, parents and participants, and consuming staff time.



- By the standards:
 - Some areas currently being used don't meet youth soccer dimensions
- By the Coaches & Parents:
 - “Need to have more practices”
 - “Would like program to meet more times a week”
 - “Need more emphasis with skill development; would like to see more practices”

And Then...

The inevitable havoc of the Gods of Weather



And for days afterward

Playground Field Issue: Drainage



Rain Out Day



Four Days Later

Impact of Field Condition



Impact of Field Condition



Impact of Field Condition



Impact of Field Condition



Impact of Field Condition



This corner is unusable during the season due to drainage



Kids call it the “12th Defender”



Impact of Field Condition



Once is Fun



But...

As

A

Frequent

Event?

Our users
think not.

Bottom Line #1

Playground Drive playing field needs a rebuild!

Moultonborough Master Plan Recommendation:

“Measures should be taken to improve the playing fields located at the playground. Long term resolutions should be sought to alleviate the saturated condition.”

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Q: If not now...When??

Bottom Line #2

Playground Drive will be out of service for 1 year

Options?

- 1.) Schools
 - 2.) Camp Tecumseh (& Others)
 - 3.) Regional Fields
- or
- 4.) Effectively Shut Down

School Availability

- Summer
 - Happy Campers are already at MA
 - RECing Crew – Space and Facility Inadequate
- Now for Fall Soccer . . .

School Facility Availability: Monday

	7:00 - 4:00	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00
MA Soccer Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS
MA Baseball/Softball Outfield	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNSET
MA Leach Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS

School Facility Availability: Tuesday

	7:00 - 4:00	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00
MA Soccer Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS
MA Baseball/Softball Outfield	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNSET
MA Leach Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNSET

School Facility Availability: Wednesday

	7:00 - 4:00	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00
MA Soccer Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS
MA Baseball/Softball Outfield	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	GAME DAY
MA Leach Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS

School Facility Availability: Thursday

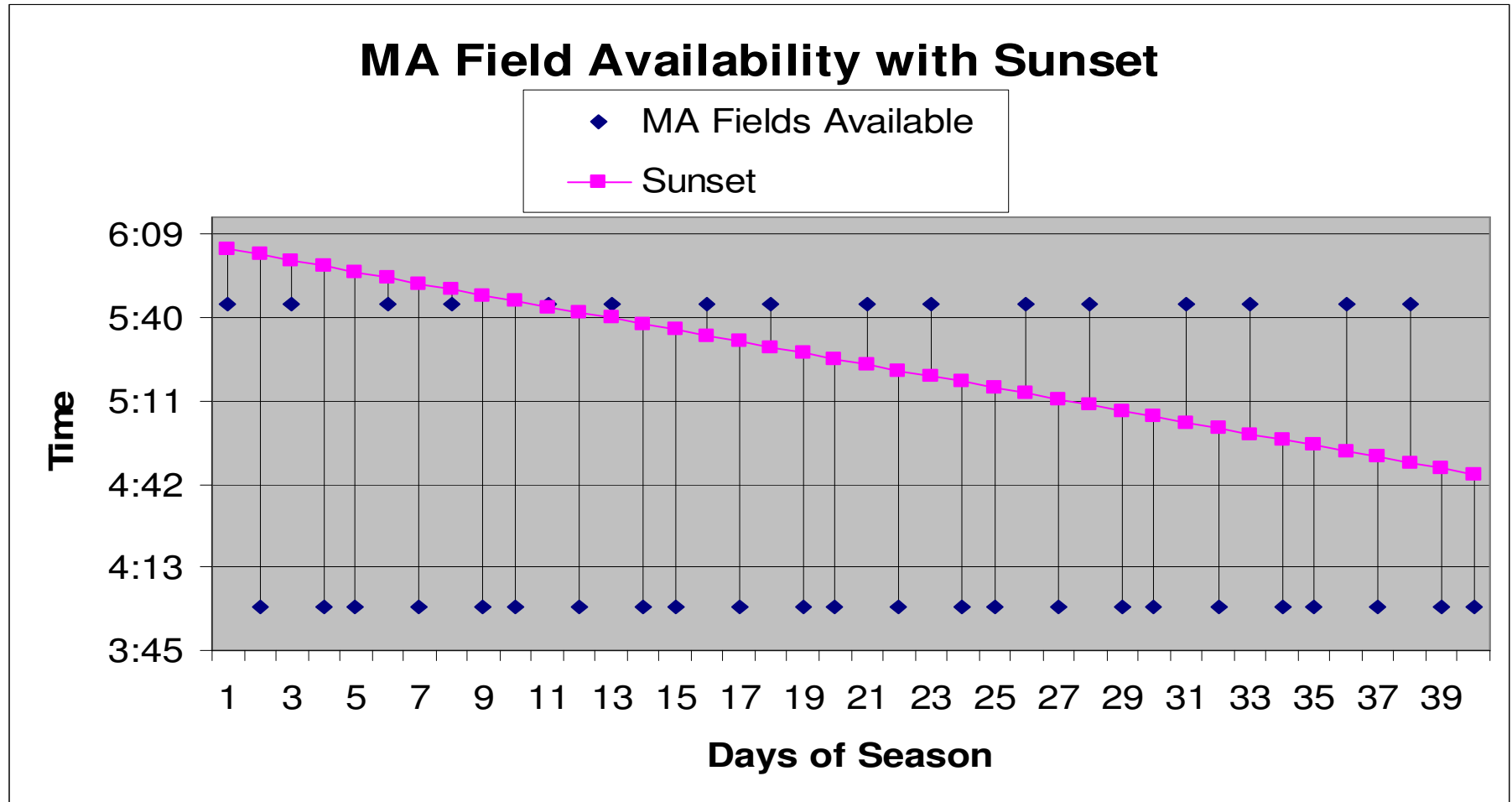
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MA Leach Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	GAME DAY

School Facility Availability: Friday

	7:00 - 4:00	4:00-5:00	5:00-6:00
MA Soccer Field	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	MA ATHLETICS
MA Baseball/Softball Outfield	SCHOOL PROGRAM	MA ATHLETICS	AVAILABLE UNTIL SUNSET
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“When I asked... about the use during soccer season, ... even on practice days the soccer fields were not available for the Town recreation soccer teams until around 5:15 p.m. At the earliest.”

Now: The Sunset Gods



Data of sunset found at http://aa.usno.navy.mil/cgi-bin/aa_rstablew.pl
accessed February 26th, 2009

Lest we Forget...

Those pesky Weather Gods



Again: Translation Please!

Slots available: 5 slots @ 8 weeks = 40

Slots lost to sunset:

5 slots @ 5 weeks = 25

Slots lost to MA Game reschedule: = 15 +/-

Number of slots remaining = 0

Number of slots needed = 48

Surplus/(deficit) = (48)

Now... Tecumseh

[illegible]

Tecumseh...
Not for Summer!

[illegible]

Tecumseh

But Maybe...

[illegible]

Bottom Line of this Alternate:
Could Help Some but..... Not A Cure All

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So... Where Else?

- Other Camps
 - Same calendar issues as Tecumseh
 - Are less central and/or parking limitations
- Sandwich Fair Grounds
 - Not available for week of, before and after Sandwich Fair
 - Turf Quality Not conducive to youth sports
- Sandwich Recreation Facilities
 - Sandwich Recreation programs get priority
- Center Harbor
 - Priority goes to Interlakes Middle School and Youth Sports Programs
 - Not conducive to youth soccer use
 - Concerned heavy use will affect healing time for spring use; will remove it as option (Turf Management)
 - First come-First serve sign up

Bottom Line #3

There is no reasonable collection of alternative fields to keep an already patched program further patched together :

We are at a Decision Point!

- 1.) Build new field then rebuild Playground Drive
or
- 2.) Keep muddling through
or
- 3.) Shut Down many programs during the rebuild

PLUS...We Have Unmet Current Requests

Anecdotal requests made in person & on phone:

- Youth Flag Football Intramural League
 - Accommodates Potential for MA/ILHS Football Program
- Adult Flag Football
- Youth Lacrosse Program
- Adult Soccer
- Additional Youth Sport Practice during week
- Individual/Family Use
- Private Facility Rental
 - Birthday Parties
 - Condo Associations
 - Corporate Gatherings
 - Family Reunions

The Proposal

- Option 1: Build @ Rt 109 then rehab PG drive

Two Year Program:	\$450,000
– Year 1: Trust Funds	\$200,000
– Year 1: New Tax Money	\$100,000
– Year 2: LWCF Grant	\$ 20,000
– Year 2: Volunteer & Stimulus \$	\$130,000

P.S. Also gives us design of drainage plans for both facilities.

Common Questions

Q: Why do we need another soccer field?

A: It's MORE than a soccer field!

Q: I heard the school population is declining. If so, why are we adding facilities?

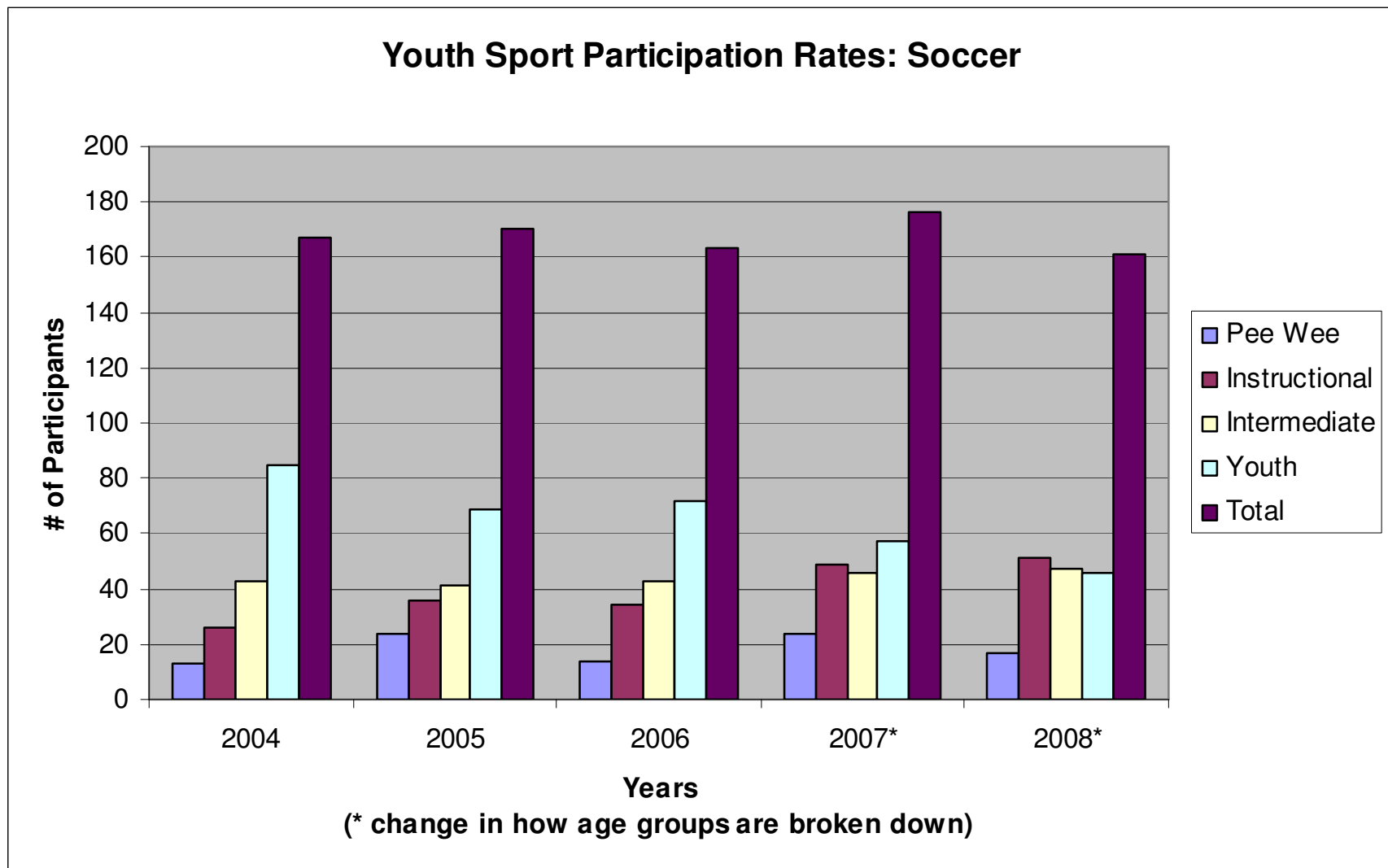
A: Decline has been in K to 5. Has not yet impacted grades 6 to 12. We have just as many teams each season now as we have had in the past. There has been no decrease in the use of athletic fields even with the decline in enrollment.

More Common Questions:

Q: Isn't our population shifting to older ages?

A: Yes but, our participation numbers are not going down. Rates simply go up in percentages.

Youth Soccer Participation is Consistent



And...

We constantly get more requests for adult programs:

- Remember the vocabulary: Playing Fields?

This facility is MORE than just youth soccer.

It is a diverse space with multidimensional uses by any generation and provides an opportunity to meet the current and future needs.

More Common Questions:

Q: What makes you think you can raise the rest?

A: Grants

- LWCF 20K Pending
- RDA Stimulus 15% of total
- AYSO 5k
- Kellogs 15K
- NH Charitable Trust 5K
- MVSB 5K
- Service Organizations 5k apiece

Volunteers: Unsolicited

- Earth Work
- Local GC
- Irrigation System
- Labor Donation
- Private Donations

Q: But still, what if...?

A: We are still 200% ahead by having a whole field instead of what is effectively a half time field

More Common Questions:

Q: What is this going to cost me?

A: $\$100,000/\2 , $\$2,835,244 + \$0.0485/\$1,000$

Say

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per \$1,000

Or



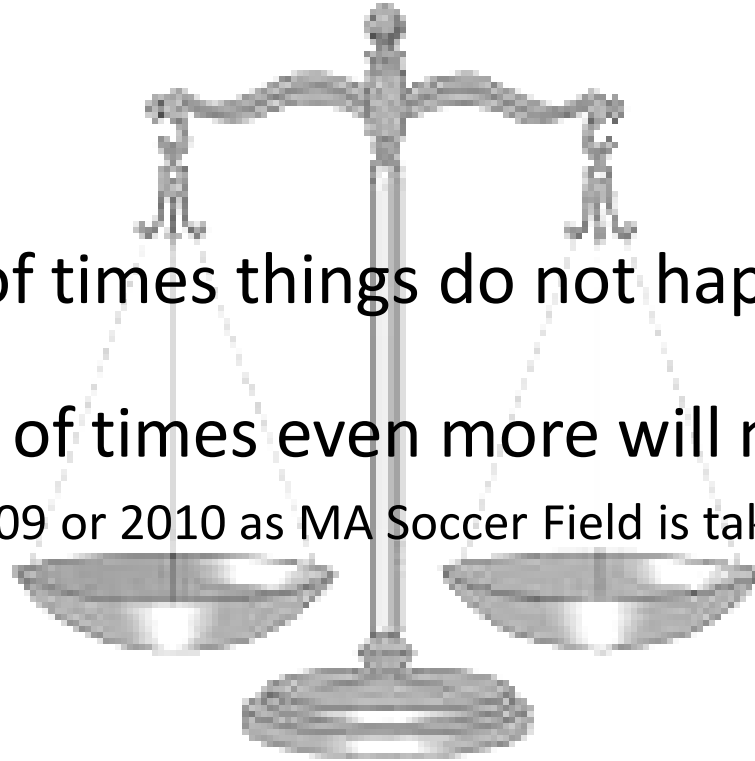
\$17.50 on a \$350,000 home

For your cost; drop off your last three digits and multiply by .05. (i.e. \$288k @ .05 = \$14.40).

Bottom Line #4

We need an additional field or recognition that:

- In best of times things do not happen
- In worst of times even more will not happen
(Such as 2009 or 2010 as MA Soccer Field is taken out of commission)



You weigh it out!

You be the Judge!